

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 914

By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Larry Wayne Parson of Parson Logging upon being named the 2007 Tennessee Forestry Association Logger of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wayne Parson, who owns Parson Logging, is one such noteworthy individual and was named 2007 Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, descended from generations of loggers, Mr. Parson became a logger at an early age and has recently taken over control of the family business. He is an active member of the Tennessee Forestry Association and is a Tennessee Master Logger; and

WHEREAS, in a combination of clear cutting, selective cutting, and pine-thinning work, Parson Logging harvests approximately 78,000 tons of wood every year through the assiduous efforts of the company's five full-time employees and three truck drivers; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to following the Best Management Practices of Tennessee, Mr. Parson is always willing to exceed the expectations of his clients, regardless of the task. He consistently repairs logging roads, ensures correct water control, and leaves buffers for the public view on all tracts of timber that his company harvests; and

WHEREAS, Larry Parson is unwilling to compromise the safety of his employees, as he demands that they follow strict safety guidelines and attend regular safety training meetings; over the past fifteen years, Parson Logging has not experienced a single accident; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parson also recognizes the importance of the maintenance of his logging equipment to the continued safety and efficiency of the company's operations, as he requires his employees to abide by regular maintenance regimens for the equipment; and

WHEREAS, no strangers to accolades, Larry Parson and Parson Logging were recognized for their remarkable preparedness and efficiency as one of four loggers featured in the *Tupelo Journal*; and

WHEREAS, as a supporter of Log-a-Load for Kids and a member of the McNairy County Landowners Association, Mr. Parson is an integral part of his community; he also sponsors youth baseball, football programs, and forest-related activities; and

WHEREAS, Larry Parson is an active and devout member of Center Hill Baptist Church, which he has served for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parson is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of sixteen years, Linda, and his three children, Lacy, Logan, and Laura; and

WHEREAS, Larry Parson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Parson for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Larry Wayne Parson of Parson Logging upon being named 2007 Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association, as we salute his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.